

It has taken me a long time to realize that Ivor Middleton is actually a secret debate facilitator for the online Political Philosophy course I attended. If proven to be true, this means that he has knowingly aided and abated Dr. De Grandis in carrying out an act of censorship and that he has communicated with me under false pretences.

My suspicion that Ivor Middleton is a secret debate facilitator (or whatever term Oxford uses for this position) derives from the following observations:

1. The profile of his contributions to the forums is atypical. He is too consistent, too conciliatory, too supportive of the tutor's intentions, too eager to intervene when conflict arises, and too swift in answering students' questions. By the way, he is very good at his job.
2. He increased his contributions to the forums to a conspicuous extent after I was expelled in order to kick-start the debate to ensure that the forums don't die out and that the statistics of participation look good. In the "Mill's harm principle" forum, for example, he posted 12 times out of a total of 28 student posts (the remaining 6 posts being by Dr. De Grandis).
3. In my private communication with him (see Appendix 26 for our email communication), Ivor Middleton clearly attempts to justify my expulsion from the course and then to entrap me to offer self-incriminating evidence that he could then share with Dr. De Grandis to better defend himself.
4. Our private communication reveals that he is emotionally involved in my expulsion from the course and that he has read documents that only Oxford employees directly involved in the case would have had access to.
5. In light of the above, the seemingly innocent invitation to a beer that Ivor Middleton extended to Max Tant on the Common Room forum (see below) can only be interpreted as a deliberate attempt to prevent other students from reaching the same conclusion I reached about Max Tant's true identity, namely that Max Tant is no other than Dr. De Grandis. Dr. De Grandis would have told Ivor Middleton that I suspected him being Max Tant and the two then set out to deceive the other students by posting the invitation to a beer. After all, Ivor Middleton being the course's secret debate facilitator and Dr. De Grandis' colleague, he would have already known that Max Tant is allowing Dr. De Grandis to use his identity for the purpose of better controlling the course. He may even know Max Tant personally.



Beer

by [Ivor Middleton](#) - Monday, 22 June 2009, 02:19 AM

Max,

You must live and work somewhere near me - fancy meeting up for a drink sometime ?
ivor_at_m3w5.demon.co.uk

Ivor

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If my deductions are proven to be correct – and I believe they are – then Ivor Middleton will have lied on record about several things. The law will come down hard on him when this case comes under the scrutiny of an impartial judge.

When this happens, the arrogance that drove Ivor Middleton to attempt to pull a wool over my eyes will prove to be his undoing. He should have known better!